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Applicant: Chihiro Sakai et al. : Art Unit: 1755
Serial No.: 09/486,973 : Examiner: Michael A. Marcheschi
Filed: March 6, 2000 : Expedited Procedure
For: RAW MATERIAL : 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
COMPOSITION FOR SODA-
LIME GLASS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Responsive to the Official Action dated May 20, 2002 and pursuant
to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants request that the above-identified application be
amended as follows:

CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 with the following amended
claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A raw material composition for soda-
lime glass, comprising a mirabilite (Na_2SO_4)-containing glass raw material
having the incorporation of an additive selected from the group consisting of an
oxide of lead (Pb), or lithium (Li), a chloride of iron (Fe), Pb, or Li, a sulfate of
Fe, Pb, or Li, and a nitrate of Fe, Pb, or Li, wherein the additive suppresses
formation of nickel sulfide in a resulting soda-lime glass.